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PROCUREMENT OF ROCKET LAUNCHER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to purchase rocket launcher, Pinaka from the Tata group of companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DRDO does not possess the necessary technology for commercial production of Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): A proposal is under consideration for procurement of Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher System, PINAKA, indigenously developed by DRDO.Pinaka is developed by many development partners from Public and Private Sector Units.The names of these units are Tata Electric and L&T for Launcher and Command Post Vehicle, OFB (Ordnance Factory Board) for Rocket and OFB and Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML) for Loader-Cum-Replenishment Vehicle.

(c) DRDO is a research and development agency only and not meant for commercial production.

(d) DRDO associates with Private/Public Sector Organisations within the country for development leading to productionisation. DRDO developed the technology for PINAKA and fabricated ground vehicles and launchers in theindustry, who have the expertise and infrastructure for their production.